

will look like if we continue on our current path.

According to the World Bank, a world that warms by 4 degrees Celsius would suffer from unprecedented heat waves, the flooding of coastal cities, increased risks of food and water scarcity, severe droughts, and irreversible damage to ecosystems. Coral reefs would dissolve due to ocean acidification unmatched in the Earth's history. Extreme heat waves would likely become the new normal for summertime.

With impacts like these, it is clear that we cannot allow 4 degrees of warming to occur. There is widespread agreement that we must act. Members of the House must take action.

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HONORING CHIP GERDES

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today without prepared remarks but to join my colleague, ANN WAGNER, in honoring a great friend, Chip Gerdes.

Chip, a 41-year-old who leaves behind a beautiful wife and a beautiful daughter and is someone who was larger than life in Illinois and in Illinois politics, died this morning way too young.

With Chip Gerdes, you never knew what that phone call was going to bring when his name popped through on your caller ID, and it's a phone call that I sadly stand here today to say I will never be able to take again.

But it was my friendship with Chip and friendship that he had with others like ANN, and many throughout Illinois and Missouri, that made us stand here today and honor him and honor his legacy.

Chip Gerdes, you were a friend to many and a foe to none. Chip Gerdes, rest in peace, my friend, and I will say this on the floor today in your honor: "Roll Tide."

CONGRATULATING AMADOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S "WE THE PEOPLE" TEAM

(Mr. SWALWELL of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Last week, Amador Valley High School from California, in my congressional district, competed in the national We the People competition held right here in Washington, D.C., and I'm proud to report that the students of Amador Valley High School's We the People competition team took second place out of 44 participating teams representing their States across the country.

The We the People competition is held annually, where each State can send one team to Washington, D.C., to compete in mock congressional hearings that test the high school students'

knowledge of U.S. history and the Constitution.

I met with Amador Valley's We the People team while they were here, and I was thoroughly impressed with their participation, preparation, and knowledge of our history, government, and political system. The students' love of history and civics was welcome to see. They're truly a model for students across the country.

I also want to recognize their coaches, Brian Ladd and Mairi Wohlgemuth, who worked tirelessly to organize the team and prepare the students for this competition.

Congratulations again to Amador Valley High School and their students from the We the People program. You make me, our region, and our country proud.

TERRORIST ATTACK IN BENGHAZI, LIBYA

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, "Benghazi happened a long time ago."

"What difference does it make?"

"Let's get done with this, folks. I don't think anybody lied to anybody. I do not want to spend the next year coming up here talking about Benghazi."

Mr. Speaker, these are statements made by the President's Pinocchio puppet press secretary, Jay Carney, and both the current and former Secretaries of State.

Americans are learning the White House bungled Benghazi, and now it faces accusations by whistleblowers of intimidation and hiding the facts.

Fearful of a terrorist attack, Ambassador Stevens asked for more security; calls for help were ignored; the cavalry never came; and he and three others were murdered. But the White House spinmaster said after the attack it was a "spontaneous protest" caused by a video. That was a made-up yarn. The attack was a carefully coordinated and calculated terrorist attack.

So why did the administration intentionally and knowingly mislead Americans?

The President told a graduating class over the weekend to reject those who say our government can't be trusted. Well, Mr. Speaker, Benghazi is a perfect example of why the national motto is not "In Government We Trust."

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO

(Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Friday of last week, I had the opportunity to attend the City Colleges of Chicago's graduation, seven city colleges with more than 4,000 graduates.

So I congratulate the mayor of the city of Chicago; the chairman of the board of the City Colleges, Dr. Paula Wolff; the chancellor, Cheryl Hyman; and all of the faculty and staff. This was the highest number of individuals who have ever graduated from the City Colleges of Chicago at one time. I congratulate them, all of the administration and all of those who made it happen.

TO OUR FRIENDS IN COLOMBIA

(Mr. RADEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RADEL. Mr. Speaker, I was recently in the beautiful, spectacular, booming country of Colombia, in part reaffirming a relationship with our ally and friend, and also there to make sure our investments are safe.

Our investments are safe, and they're paying off by growing the Colombian economy, and for you, the hardworking American taxpayer, growing our economy right here in the United States. Free trade and economic freedom mean that both countries prosper.

Their economy is growing and the income inequality gap is getting smaller and smaller, meaning a larger middle class. When Colombia does well, the United States does well. And while we may have a few differences here and there with other countries in Latin America, let there be no doubt that Colombia is a bright, shining example for all of the world when we work together.

So to our friends from all over Colombia: paisas, rolos, costenos, vallunos, opitas, llaneros, y Calenos.

Using your native language, let's continue to share our common dream of oportunidad y libertad para todos: opportunity and freedom for all.

WALK TO CREATE A WORLD FREE OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, I had the honor of participating in the Walk to Create a World Free of Multiple Sclerosis. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National MS Society, this Erie County event provided hope for people living with MS, their families and loved ones.

Nationwide, the Walk MS: 2013 campaign will include 250,000 participants across 700 cities to raise awareness and support for research and services for those living with multiple sclerosis.

Now, more than any time in history, there are more therapies in development for MS. Basic and clinical research has led to the development of many of the approved disease-modifying drugs for MS, including new oral medications.

Congratulations to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for having